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ACCORDING TO A ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT, THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TONIGHT EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE U.N. BUFFER FORCE BETWEEN ISRAELI AND SYRIAN TROOPS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS AND SCHEDULING A MIDDLE EAST DEBATE JAN. 12.

THE RESOLUTION WAS A COMPROMISE PROPOSED BY FOUR NONALIGNED SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

AFTER THE PASSAGE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOVIET AMBASSADOR JACOB MALIK READ A PREVIOUSLY NEGOTIATED STATEMENT THAT IT WAS THE UNDERSTANDING OF A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL THAT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WOULD BE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE JANUARY DEBATE.

THE COUNCIL ACTED LESS THAN SIX HOURS BEFORE THE MIDNIGHT EXPIRATION OF THE U.N. FORCES' MANDATE.

THE RESOLUTION WENT THROUGH ON A VOTE OF 15-6 WITH CHINA AND IRAQ NOT PARTICIPATING, IN LINE WITH THEIR USUAL PRACTICE ON MIDEAST PEACE-KEEPING DECISIONS.

THE UNITED STATES VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION THANKS TO A COMPROMISE WORKED OUT WITH SYRIA ONLY HOURS BEFORE ON THE WORDING OF BOTH THE RESOLUTION AND PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT.

THE MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK HAD BEEN THE THORNY PROBLEM OF THE PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE DEBATE. SYRIA AT FIRST HAD DEMANDED THAT THE RESOLUTION CALL FOR SUCH PARTICIPATION, WHICH THE UNITED STATES OPPOSED.

THE PLO WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION, ONLY IN THE MALIK STATEMENT.

U.S. AMBASSADOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN HAD EARLIER ASKED THE COUNCIL FOR ENOUGH TIME TO GET A REPLY FROM PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, WHO WERE EN ROUTE FROM ALASKA TO CHINA VIA JAPAN.

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